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Jane E. Henney, Commissioner  
Food, Drug Administration  
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Dear Dr Henney,

Please be aware that I am  
opposed to the practice of irradiation  
of foods. I feel it is a terrible  
mistake to render our food  
supply - especially the freshest  
most nutritious foods - lifeless  
and potentially harmful to us  
in cumulative ingestion of  
irradiated products. What a terrible  
idea, all for the sake of transport  
and improvement in storage  
Ease + shelf life to irradiate our foods.

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If we cannot be safeguarded against this practice, which I believe is in great disfavor in Europe, I ask you to assure the labelling of irradiated foods. The labels must be apparent - large enough and obvious enough. We need standards in the regulating of size, graphic and content of the label. It should be as obvious as the content of nutritional info now required on all package backs. If you were involved with that, thank you.

Please know of our appreciation for the health of the nation and your work to safeguard it.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stearns - ED

